

UNITED STATES FORCES, JAPAN
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
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4 November 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS
FROM:
Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS
SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - October 1986

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I. GENERAL

A. The campaign for the Okinawan gubernatorial election on 16 November is in full swing. Pro-U.S. Governor Nishime of the Liberal Democratic Party is being challenged by Chikashi Kinjo, a leftist attorney with a long history of opposing the Japan-U.S. relationship. Kinjo favors abrogation of the mutual security treaty and the complete withdrawal of all military bases (U.S. and Japanese) from Okinawa. Nishime has been a popular governor and seems confident of victory. From the standpoint of U.S. military presence on Okinawa, the two candidates have provided a crystal clear choice. Given the general conservative mood in Japanese politics, it now appears the present governor will win handily.

B. The dollar edged up against the yen, reaching 158 yen to the dollar at month's end. Financial analysts predict the dollar will stabilize at around 160 yen, primarily as a result of the Japanese government's recent reduction of the bank discount rate to 3 percent, a record low.

C. We have almost completed construction of a larger and more secure classified communications room. New communications equipment is to be installed in January.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Beijing may change to high-speed digital transmission of Xinhua Chinese within the next year or two, according to reports on the Chinese press service and Beijing TV. Xinhua said 36 radio stations and newspapers already are linked in a pilot computer network, and that significant changes will occur when all radio stations and papers are eventually in the network. Bureau scrutiny of Beijing TV tapes revealed Xinhua and PLA army personnel using a new system which looks like a series of IBM PC clone computers operating with dot matrix printers. The video

showed operators using only the top row of keys--the figure keys, suggesting that China's new system may in fact use the traditional Standardized Telegraphic Code to transmit Chinese characters, with computer software converting STC's to characters at receiving stations.

2. Initial responses to Chinese monitor recruiting ads in Taipei newspapers numbered over 180 by the end of October, from Taiwan as well as the Philippines and Singapore. The chief monitor and chief editor plan a testing/interview TDY in mid-November to screen the best 50-60 candidates for two vacancies. One more Chinese monitor trainee will EOD in December; the bureau now has three monitors in training.

3. On 27 October Beijing ended its reverse-tape Russian shortwave broadcasts. The reverse tape transmissions, in use for at least 20 years, had been presumed to be an effort to evade Soviet jamming.

4. Beijing TV in October featured the first ever visit to the PRC by Queen Elizabeth II, as well as coverage of East German and Polish communist party leaders' visits to Beijing, and PRC President Li Xian'an's visit to North Korea. Video footage confirmed previous radio photo evidence that North Korea's Kim Il-song still bears a very large goiter on his neck, and that Chinese TV is more open about identifying North Korean generals and their military commands. At Seoul Bureau request, Okinawa arranged for still photos from Beijing TV showing the visiting Korean generals in the PRC. Parallel Beijing TV and radio coverage of the rally celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Long March enabled the bureau to file speeches and an editorial report describing leader appearances.

5. We have begun using the APO's Express Mail service to send videotapes to Headquarters, thereby reducing shipment costs to less than one-third the former cost by DHL courier service. Express Mail guarantees two-day delivery in the states, the same speed as DHL.

6. We covered special Studio 9 programs on Moscow TV on the Reagan-Gorbachev meeting in Reykjavik, taking advantage of our 8-hour lead time over the European Moscow satellite telecast.

7. Xinhua English and Chinese transmissions returned to normal levels after the greatly inflated files of late September and early October covering the 16-day Seoul Asian Games. Xinhua English had on certain days doubled and even tripled its normal item count with extensive reporting of the games. Xinhua claimed that "China retained the title of Asia's top sports power" with 94 gold, 82 silver and 46 bronze medals, with Korea a close second with 93 gold, 55 silver and 76 bronze, while Japanese athletes came home with 58, 76 and 77, respectively for third place.

8. Our Vietnamese monitoring strength has been reduced to one monitor who covers only Moscow and Beijing Vietnamese commentary programs and helps Bangkok Bureau with some processing. Our Japanese unit operated with only two monitors for half of October because of scheduled annual leave and unexpected sick leave. A small amount of overtime was required.

B. Cruising

[] this month proved that he has cruising in his blood. While on R&R leave in the Philippines 12-28 October, he noted in Manila a banner listing the frequency of a Philippines Navy radio station. [] checked the station's content from sign-on to sign-off and found it to be a low-power military radio station audible only in the metro Manila area. It would clearly be highly advantageous to be able to monitor this station, which might be audible at Clark Air Force Base. Other cruising services included analysis of three Bangkok facsimile tapes containing weather maps and other signals, an assist to Seoul in finding new Pyongyang frequencies when the usual Pyongyang transmitters were unheard 21-22 October, and a recheck of MONTSAME English and Russian agency transmissions, which proved unmonitorable frequently in October. Beijing Albanian frequencies were reconfirmed for Austrian Bureau.

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C. Lateral Services

The bureau passed to LRB a request for FBIS Asian and China alert services from four Hawaii consumers concerned with communications activities.

D. Technical

1. Repair work required by Typhoon Vera damage and general deterioration of bureau rhombic and beverage antennas was completed by the U.S. Air Force antenna maintenance crew in October. All beverages are now in working order and all primary rhombics vital to bureau coverage are operational; some require major pole replacement scheduled later this winter after the sugarcane harvest when new access roads will be constructed.

2. New boards for the computer unit used with the automatic FAX processor were requested after the processor ceased operating. It can still be used through hardware components and is printing regular Pyongyang KCNA radiophoto coverage.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Bureau local Master Labor Contract carpenter [] received a cash award and certificate for sustained superior performance.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

Bureau senior staff met with the Okinawa Corps of Engineers on 9 October to discuss the housing renovation program for FY-87. We plan to convert one 4-bedroom house to a 2-bedroom duplex and remodel three of the oldest houses. The contract for renovation work using FY-86 funds has been awarded and work should commence soon.

IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

DRD editorial trainees [] arrived 1 October; Margaret Pascarelli, a DODSpecRep analyst from Yokota AB, Japan, on 2 October for briefing, accompanied by Okinawa DODSpecRep officer Jack Dickerson; Tokyo Embassy RMO Dr. John Slocum, 6-8 October; Joe W. Talley, 500th MI Group Okinawa Field Office agent, 31 October for Russian translation assistance on Soviet publications.

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From the Bureau:

DRD editorial TDYer [] departed Okinawa 3 October for Headquarters after a brief visit to Hong Kong; staff cruiser [] spent his R&R leave in the Manila and Cebu areas of the Philippines 12-28 October; editor [] departed 16 October for R&R in the States through 8 November; [] attended a 20 October Kadena Air Base ceremony where Commander Jesse Presscott took command of the U.S. Navy Patrol Squadron Forty from Commander James I. Munsterman. Commodore Charles Nute, U.S. Navy commander of Task Force 72, presided at the ceremony.

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Attachments:

Engineering Attachment

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Equipment received from Hong Kong Bureau:	VCR, Sony, MDL 5630, S/N 11477
	Remote control, Sony, MDL, RM-500 for use with VCR MDL 5630
	VCR, Sony, MDL 2630, S/N 46560
	Monitor TV, Sony, MDL CVM 1350, S/N 501326
	Monitor TV, Sony, MDL CVM 1310, S/N 011701
Equipment Transferred:	None
Equipment Disposal:	None

4 November 1986
MBK-6020

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Bangkok Bureau -- October 1986

I. GENERAL

A. The opposition parties in the Thai Parliament continue to cause headaches for the government. Even though the commerce minister survived a no confidence motion in parliament over a scandal involving the importation of uncertified Burmese logs, pressure continues to be brought to bear and most observers have concluded he will resign within a short time. The opposition has been very adroit in timing the attacks on government members and policies. As soon as one scandal is dealt with or begins to subside, a new one is ushered in. At present, in addition to the continuing speculation over the fate of the commerce minister, scandals over tapioca pricing and the renewal of a television station's license with allegations of massive kickbacks are beginning to emerge. In the midst of all of this the top military leader, General Chawalit, and others have voiced displeasure over the political squabbling, thus bringing the military into the fray. The government has had a difficult time getting on with the business at hand, and only time will tell whether it can be effective in the face of this sustained and clever pressure from the opposition.

B. Indian Prime Minister Gandhi paid a short visit to Thailand on 19-20 October -- the first ever by an Indian prime minister. The visit was part of a tour of three Southeast Asian countries and Australia and demonstrates India's increased interest in this part of the world. While he was in Bangkok the Thai prime minister was able to elicit a promise that India would become more active in the search for a solution to the Cambodian situation.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. On the 2d, the Bureau monitored a report from AFP that the Indian prime minister had been the subject of an assassination attempt. Indian radios and, using ROSET, Indian television were monitored to obtain primary source confirmation. Some hours after the first reports, Indian television finally carried a short special report featuring a video clip of an obviously unhurt Gandhi along with a very short interview with him indicating everything was alright. The Bureau filed an editorial report on the television broadcast which was run on the Wire. It is interesting to note that the radio and television did not interrupt their coverage of the cricket test match with Australia but waited some hours until an intermission before broadcasting the Gandhi material.

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2. The Vietnam Unit is currently very busy with material related to the upcoming sixth party congress. Due to heightened consumer interest in this congress the unit has processed many district-level reports -- something not done for previous congresses. At month's end about two-thirds of the provincial congress meetings had been reported on by the media. Thus filed wordage for the unit during October was 24 percent above September's figure. Coordination with AG and NEAD resulted in NEAD taking over a number of lengthy press items to permit the Bureau to concentrate on more perishable congress material.

3. Thai media reported in some detail fighting between Thai and Vietnamese troops over a hill inside Thailand reportedly occupied by the Vietnamese some time ago. This was the most serious level of military action between the two for some time. In the end, Thai forces reoccupied the hill.

4. Beginning on the 15th, the Bureau covered the presidential elections in Bangladesh. President Ershad won amid reports of some violence and of widespread vote fraud as well.

5. Without warning, Lao media reported on the 30th that Phoumi Vongvichit had been named "acting president" in place of Souphanouvong, who is stepping aside for "health reasons." As luck would have it the Bureau's commo went out almost simultaneously with the announcement, and the item had to be filed by telex. It is not entirely clear whether Souphanouvong might reassume the presidency at some future date or not. Upon monitoring the report the Bureau instituted an open watch on Lao media, but nothing unusual was noted.

6. Major Indian television newscasts were studied during the month. One of the evening casts will be put on regular coverage in early November, and the Bureau will continue to watch for ad hoc programming of possible interest.

B. Lateral Services

One item was processed during the month at the request of the Embassy in Laos.

C. Technical

1. All channels from the old microwave have been transferred to the new microwave system. Transfer of channels went very smoothly with minimum down time encountered. The old microwave system will be given to the Thai National Intelligence Agency (NIA) within the next two weeks.

2. The modems on the PC's in the Bureau library and in the cruising room at Bang Ping are now operative. As a result, [] and [] can compose their outgoing messages in Bang Ping and transmit them to the Bureau by modem where they are downloaded on a diskette and then sent out automatically, thereby saving a day in transit time.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. On 26 October Chief of the Communications Unit [] STAT
[] was promoted to FBN 7. Also honored for their excellent STAT
work since becoming shorthanded in March was the entire Cambodian Unit of STAT
Chief [] All STAT
received QSI's.

2. [] the new Bureau engineer, and [] STAT
[] the new Bureau secretary, arrived PCS 1 October from Vienna, STAT
Austria via home leave in the States. Bureau Chief [] and his STAT
wife [] returned from R&R 1 October, on the same plane. STAT

3. [] the outgoing Bureau engineer and STAT
secretary, left 19 October 1986 PCS to FED. Thai National Intelligence STAT
Agency Director Piya Chakkaphak hosted a luncheon for [] at the
Shangrila Hotel on 15 October.

4. South Asian Unit Chief [] returned to Bangkok STAT
21 October after recovering from open heart surgery which occurred while STAT
on end of tour travel in the United States. [] has made an excellent STAT
recovery and was on the golf links 2 days after his return. STAT

5. The Bureau's run of newborn girls continued this month: STAT
Thai/Chinese monitor [] became the father of [] STAT
14 October and [] wife gave birth to [] STAT
[] on 25 October.

6. On a much sadder note the father of Senior Teletypist STAT
[] passed away 31 October.

IV. VISITS

A. Nicosia Bureau Arabic Unit Chief [] and his wife STAT
visited the Bureau 9 October while on personal travel in the area.

B. Embassy officers Barbara Clark and Mary McNally were given a
Bureau briefing and tour on 15 October.

C. DCM [], who had visited the Bureau in April, shortly STAT
after his arrival, visited Bang Ping on 16 October for a briefing and tour
followed by lunch at the Bang Pu Seafood Restaurant.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The son of Thai Monitor [REDACTED] 14, walked off with first prize in the Bangkok Chopin Society piano competition in the 9-15 age category. The prize is 8,000 Baht (U.S. \$300) and a week-long trip to Poland next May.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

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Attachment: Monthly Production Report



**EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

**MAB-6022
10 November 1986**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THRU: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--October 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Two major AFP stories this month turned out to be incorrect. Citing a local Ivory Coast official as the source, AFP twice reported that Vice President Bush was to visit Abidjan during October. Both reports were subsequently denied by the U.S. Embassy here. The Bureau kept both the Embassy and the Ivorian Foreign Ministry informed of reports concerning the Bush visit. Later in the month, AFP filed a story reporting that the League of Arab States had called for all member-states to break diplomatic relations with Ivory Coast because of the Ivorian plan to reopen an Embassy in Jerusalem. The Bureau subsequently stayed open late to catch a live news conference at midnight on Ivorian television in which the Ivorian foreign minister reacted to reports that relations would be broken. Although it was never confirmed that the Arab States were going to break relations with Ivory Coast, the Ivorian ruling party later called on the government to move the embassy to Tel Aviv.

B. Coverage

1. As of 15 October, the Bureau began splitting coverage of selected BBC casts with Swaziland Bureau to ease the burden on their staffing. Abidjan now covers all BBC Africa-beamed casts for Sub-Saharan Africa except Southern Africa.

2. The Bureau ceased printing of the AFP French beam on 7 October after an extensive study of the service verified that the French beam essentially duplicates reporting from the AFP land line. The French beam will remain on bureau coverage as a backstop should the now-reliable land line falter.

3. A three-day cruising effort on Freetown Domestic Service failed to provide any monitorable coverage in the 0600-2230 GMT time frame.

C. Communications

Communications outages decreased markedly this month although overall the Bureau continues to experience a higher than normal number of outages. The latter part of the month was significantly better than the first half and [] feels that by replacing some of their malfunctioning equipment, the apparent cause of the outages has been eliminated.

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II. ADMINISTRATION**A. Personnel**

1. Monitor trainee [] EOD'd on 12 October.

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2. Senior monitor [] received a PSI during the month.

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III. VISITS

1. Chief/Engineering Support Group, [] visited the Bureau 5-7 November.

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2. On 29 October Ambassador Howard Walker, director of State Department's West Africa Bureau, visited the Bureau. Ambassador Walker had served in Nigeria during the time when our Kaduna Bureau was open and had requested that a walk-through of Abidjan Bureau be included on his schedule of appointments.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

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BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CHINA	
Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	1,270
Beijing International Service in Japanese	190
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	430
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	6,800
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	1,110
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	7,180
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Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	7,580
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	3,730
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	5,270

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Beijing XINHUA in			
English		565,900	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in			
Chinese		90,210	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in			
English			770
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in			
Chinese			620
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in			
Chinese			1,990
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in			
Chinese			3,330
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in			
Chinese			940
Shanghai JEIFANG RIBAO in			
Chinese			15,160
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in			
Chinese			3,060

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(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in
Mandarin

1,540

JAPAN

Naha Radio NHK in			
Japanese	230		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in			
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Tokyo AKAHATA in			
Japanese			1,610
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in			
Japanese			3,990
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in			
English			9,520
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in			
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Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			600
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			8,380
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			5,630
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,080
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			10,680
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			310
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Pyongyang KCNA in English		---	
LAOS			
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MONGOLIA			
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TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	1,980		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	2,910		
Taipei CNA in English		25,120	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			4,510
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			1,490
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			1,170
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			1,450

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Moscow to China in Mandarin	6,550		
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Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	38,580		
VIETNAM			
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